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- ACTIVITIES

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SUMMARY. CODEL ZABLOCKI HAD ACTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE VISIT
TO EGYPT JAN 6-9. CODEL'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT
(REF A), PM SALIM (REF B), SPEAKER OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
SAYYID MARI (REF C), AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KAISOONI
(REF D) REPORTED SEPARATELY, AS WAS PRESS PLAY (REF E).
THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES OTHER SIGNIFICANT CODEL ACTIVITIES.
END SUMMARY.

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1. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. FOLLOWING ONE-AND-A-HALF HOUR
BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AT EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY UPON
ARRIVAL FROM DAMASCUS, CODEL WENT TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
FOR TOUR AND BRIEFING SESSIONS WITH ACTING PRESIDENT
LAMONT AND PRINCIPAL UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS. IN LIVELY
QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, CODEL EXHIBITED DEEP INTEREST
IN AUC ACTIVITIES AND A WILLINGNESS TO RENDER APPROPRIATE

SUPPORT. CODEL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HANDLING OF EGYPTIAN POUND ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESSIONAL GRANT AND SMALL RETURN IT HAS THUS FAR BROUGHT TO UNIVERSITY. AMBASSADOR BRIEFED CODEL ON PROBLEMS OF INVESTMENT IN EGYPT AND ON GAO EXAMINATION OF ENDOWMENT FUND. AMBASSADOR AGREED WITH CONGRESSMAN FASCELL'S OBSERVATION THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE FOR CONGRESS TO MAKE OUTRIGHT GRANT TO UNIVERSITY TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS INHERENT IN MAKING PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENTS IN EGYPT.

2. SCIENCE PROGRAMS. FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S BRIEFING, WHICH TOUCHED ON SEVERAL ASPECTS OF USG PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, CONGRESSMAN CLAUSEN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SCIENCE PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR ARRANGED THAT SCIATT MEET WITH CLAUSEN - FOR MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS. CONGRESSMAN WAS ALSO GIVEN OES PREPARED LIST OF EGYPT USG SFCP RESEARCH PROJECT TITLES AS OF JAN 1977 AND PROMISED AN UPDATE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE 1978 LIST FROM OES ASAP TO ASSIST US IN CHECKING OUR RECORDS IN FOLLOWING UP. IN . CONVERSATION WITH SCIATT, MR. CLAUSEN NOTED THAT HE WAS NOT NOW DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN USG AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS/ . AUTHORIZATION, BUT WAS INTERESTED IN PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS- OF S AND T TO ASSIST US INTERESTS. HE WAS INFORMED THAT - SFCP AS A WHOLE IS MORE ORIENTED TO BASIC RESEARCH, BUT THAT APPLIED S AND T COOPERATION IS INCREASING, PARTICULARLY IN HEALTH AND THROUGH JWG MECHANISM AND AID PROGRAMS.- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCIATT EMPHASIZED THAT PROGRAM HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY GOE AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHERS; AND ON WHOLE REPRESENTED GOOD U.S. INVESTMENT IN TERMS OF LINKS BETWEEN U.S. AND EGYPT, AS WELL AS RESEARCH RESULTS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT TITLE ALONE OFTEN DO NOT CLEARLY INDICATE PROJECT VALUE. WE WILL RESPOND, EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE AGENCY, TO ANY FUTURE QUERIES.

3. MINWAR GAMASY. PRIOR TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SADAT JAN 7 IN ASWAN, CODEL HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR 20 MINUTE SESSION WITH DEPUTY PM/MINWAR GENERAL GAMASY. GAMASY MADE NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT POINTS. HE SAID THREE MAIN ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED IN CAIRO CONFERENCE MILITARY COMMITTEE WOULD BE (A) REMOVAL OF SETTLEMENTS FROM SINAI; (B) REMOVAL OF TWO AIR BASES; AND (C) THE WIDTH OF THE DMZ IN SINAI. SINAI WOULD DEFINITELY BE THE FIRST PRIORITY OF BUSINESS IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WITH WEST BANK AND GOLAN BEING TAKEN UP LATER. GAMASY SAID GOE RECOGNIZES THAT MAIN PROBLEM FOR ISRAEL IS SECURITY, PARTICULARLY FROM WEST BANK. EGYPT UNDERSTANDS THAT ISRAEL MUST FEEL SECURE FROM THAT DIRECTION. HE BELIEVES THIS CAN BE

ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CREATION OF DMZ'S AND OTHER SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, WORKING, AT LEAST IN GAZA, WITH COOPERATION OF EGYPTIANS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT STATUS OF EGYPT'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT, GAMASY SAID THERE WAS NO PROBLEM IN MAINTAINING RUSSIAN EQUIPMENT IN NAVY AND ARMY. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PROBLEMS WITH AIRCRAFT ENGINES, BUT THIS HAS BEEN "PARTIALLY SOLVED". MAIN EGYPTIAN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN AIR FORCE IS NOW DIRECTED AT OBTAINING WAS GAMASY'S COMPLAINT EXPRESSED GENTLY BUT FIRMLY THAT ISRAEL ALREADY HAS "MORE THAN ENOUGH" MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND HE ASKED WHY U.S. WAS PROVIDING ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.

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GAMASY SAID HE BELIEVED SUCH QUANTITIES WERE "DANGEROUS FOR THE FUTURE." HE SAID REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES HAD ALREADY BEEN REFERRED TO AT THE GIANACLES DISCUSSIONS WITH WEIZMAN AND IT WOULD BE ONE OF SUBJECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS. EGYPT IS READY TO REDUCE ITS FORCES, INCLUDING THE AIR FORCE, IF ISRAEL DOES THE SAME AND AS PART OF SETTLEMENT. IT WILL BE RAISED AT A LATER STAGE AS WILL SUBJECT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS.

4. FOLLOWING SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH GOE MINISTERS JAN 8, CODEL RETURNED TO EMBASSY FOR HOUR-AND-HALF BRIEFING ON AID PROGRAM BY DIRECTOR DONALD BROWN AND MEMBERS OF HIS

STAFF, FOLLOWED BY SHORT BRIEFING BY DATT, BG PFAUTZ, ON
MILITARY SALES PROGRAM AND IMET PLANNING.

5. OPIC. IN CONNECTION WITH PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN
EGYPT, CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM ASKED EXTENT OF OPIC COVERAGE
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OF THESE INVESTMENTS. WE EXPLAINED TO HIM EMBASSY'S
LIMITED ROLE IN EVALUATING PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR OPIC
INSURANCE PURPOSES, BUT NOTED WE DO NOT HAVE A COMPREHEN-
SIVE LISTING OF OPIC-INSURED PROJECTS IN EGYPT. WE
SUGGESTED THIS MIGHT BEST BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM OPIC.

6. CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI AND RANKING REPUBLICAN BROOMFIELD
GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE IN AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE CONCURRENTLY
WITH AID BRIEFING. PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY
APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING U.S. AND
EGYPTIAN TV (REF E).

7. CONGRESSMEN GILMAN AND DODD MET EVENING OF JAN 8 WITH
DIRECTOR ANTI-NARCOTICS ADMINISTRATION GENERAL SAMI FARAQ
AND HIS DEPUTY, BRIGADIER MAMDUH SALIM ZAKI, AT ANA
HEADQUARTERS, ACCOMPANIED BY DEA SAIC MICHAEL HOLM. AS
RESULT OF CONCERNS ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF EGYPT'S NARCOTIC
PROBLEM EXPRESSED BY CONGRESSMAN GILMAN, EMBASSY IS PRE-
PARING AN UP-TO-DATE EVALUATION TO SEND TO HIM.

8. MRS. JONATHAN BINGHAM MET EVENING JAN 8 WITH DIRECTOR
AID POPULATION AND HEALTH DIVISION DR. MERRILL SHUTT AND
SPENT ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS WITH ONE OF EGYPT'S LEADING
FEMINIST AUTHORS, DR. NOWAL SADAWI.

9. SPEAKER OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SAYYID MARI HOSTED
RECEPTION SUNDAY EVENING FOR CODEL, ATTENDED BY MEMBERS
OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OFFICIALS.

10. COMMENT. EMBASSY CONSIDERS CODEL'S VISIT TO HAVE BEEN
EXCEPTIONALLY PRODUCTIVE AND ONE OF MOST HARDWORKING
WE HAVE BEEN HONORED TO HOST.
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